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1. Only a rear detail, whose members wore red-bordered black epaulets, was stationed in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Edelweissstrasse, Bernau (N 53° 2' 96"), at the end of April, and at the beginning of May 1950. About 30 soldiers were seen doing calisthenics. Truck [redacted] moved into the barracks area.

2. The occupation of the pigeon station was unchanged. Eighteen trucks, [redacted] left the station toward the freight ramp on 25 April 1950. A train carrying material, including 37-mm AA guns, arrived from the direction of Uberswalde and received an additional load of trucks at Bernau. The train was not seen to depart on 25 April 1950.

3. The Soviet bakery on Heinersdorferstrasse moved to Templin in mid-April 1950, taking all of its machinery and field ovens.

4. Twenty officers and about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some of which had artillery and motor transport insignia, assembled in front of the tire dump opposite the gasworks on 1 May 1950. This was for the Mayday demonstration.

5. Eleven trucks [redacted] loaded aboard a train in Bernau on 25 April 1950. All trucks mounted a heavy machine gun on a tripod. The train was already loaded with four 37-mm guns and eight trucks [redacted]

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6. A rear detail of 50 to 60 men was observed in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Edelweissstrasse between 4 and 8 May 1950.

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7. The pigeon station was also occupied by only a rear detail after 4 May 1950. Eight soldiers drilling with a 37-mm AA gun, and four sentries were seen. [redacted]

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8. Trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] were parked in front of the tire dump on Berlinerstrasse, at the corner of Weissenseestrasse.

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9. Soviet dependents were living in the buildings of the Nachrichten Kaserne in Bernau on 13 May 1950. The barracks buildings were being reconditioned by German workmen. Thirty soldiers participating in athletics were seen in the barracks yard. These, and guards, were the only troops observed in the barracks. *

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[redacted] comment. The report indicates that, except for some rear details remaining in the barracks, and AAA units going to Wustrow, all Bernau troops had moved to Templin by 4 May 1950 for field exercises. The troops from the Luftnachrichten-Kaserne had left as early as mid-April 1950. [redacted] 25X1A

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